

# MEMORANDUM

## COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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TO: Thomas Thomas, City Manager

SUBJECT: Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Program (APP) Grant

DATE: November 25, 2013

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Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) is accepting applications for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Program (APP) grant funds until December 6, 2013. These grant funds stem from the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund (“Abandoned Property Program” or “APP”) which was created in 2010 when Governor Quinn signed the Save Our Neighborhoods Act. Funding for the Program was expanded by subsequent legislation that Governor Quinn signed into law in 2013. Funding for this grant is derived solely from foreclosure filing fees paid by lending institutions and collected by the county clerk by whom the foreclosure is filed.

Eligible projects for this grant include securing, maintaining, demolishing, or rehabilitating abandoned homes. Applications will be scored and ranked according to the need, capacity, impact, budget, cost reasonableness and readiness to proceed. The applications will also be funded according to their rank in the geographic set-aside whereas the City of Rock Island falls into the final 15% bracket.

CED staff proposes to apply for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Program grant funds for the demolition of abandoned residential property within the City of Rock Island.

If awarded, the maximum amount awarded will be \$75,000 and awards can be less than the requested amount.

This grant will allow the City to remove dangerous and dilapidated residential homes throughout the community.

Recommendation: City Council to authorize submittal of the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Program (APP) Grant application and provide a letter of support (if necessary) for the above listed projects.

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Approved: Thomas Thomas, City Manager